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June 30, 1931.

Dr. Hildegard Howard
Los Angeles Museum
Los Angeles, Calif

Dear Doctor Howard:

I am just in receipt of
your letter of June 28 in regard to your address
in our list of members.

Naturally in receipt of the
news of your marriage your address was transferred
to your married name, but I now note that
you wish to preserve your maiden name
as a *nom de plume*. The Treasurer's attention
~~attention~~ has been called to your preference
so that the proper correction can be made
in the next list.

The Secretary must be pardoned
if he sometimes slips in dealing with ladies synonymy.
In one celebrated case we have 9 names arranged
in three groups for one individual!

Very cordially yours

T. S. Palmer

Secretary.

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MY CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ELECTION TONIGHT TO MEMBERSHIP IN

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A WETMORE.

Telephone Your Telegrams to Postal Telegraph

23rd October
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Dr. A. Wetmore, Assistant Secretary,
Smithsonian Institution,
United States National Museum,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Wetmore:

It was indeed thoughtful of you to telegraph me the "good news". I appreciate that as much as the honor of membership in the A.O.U. itself.

I am certainly gratified that the Union has thought me worthy of membership. Assuredly it came as a complete surprise to me; I have never thought of my work on fossil birds as being strictly in line with that of the ornithologists.

If it hasn't already come to your attention, you will be interested to know that Compton's paper on the South Dakota Neophrontops appears in the October issue of the American Journal of Science. Dr. Stock called my attention to it yesterday.

Sincerely,

HH-W

Avian Paleontologist

September 20, 1946

Dear Hildegard:

Congratulations on becoming a
Fellow of the A. O. U.!

All of us at M. V. Z. are
delighted with the honor, so
richly deserved, which has come
to you.

Sincerely,
Hilda W. Grinnell

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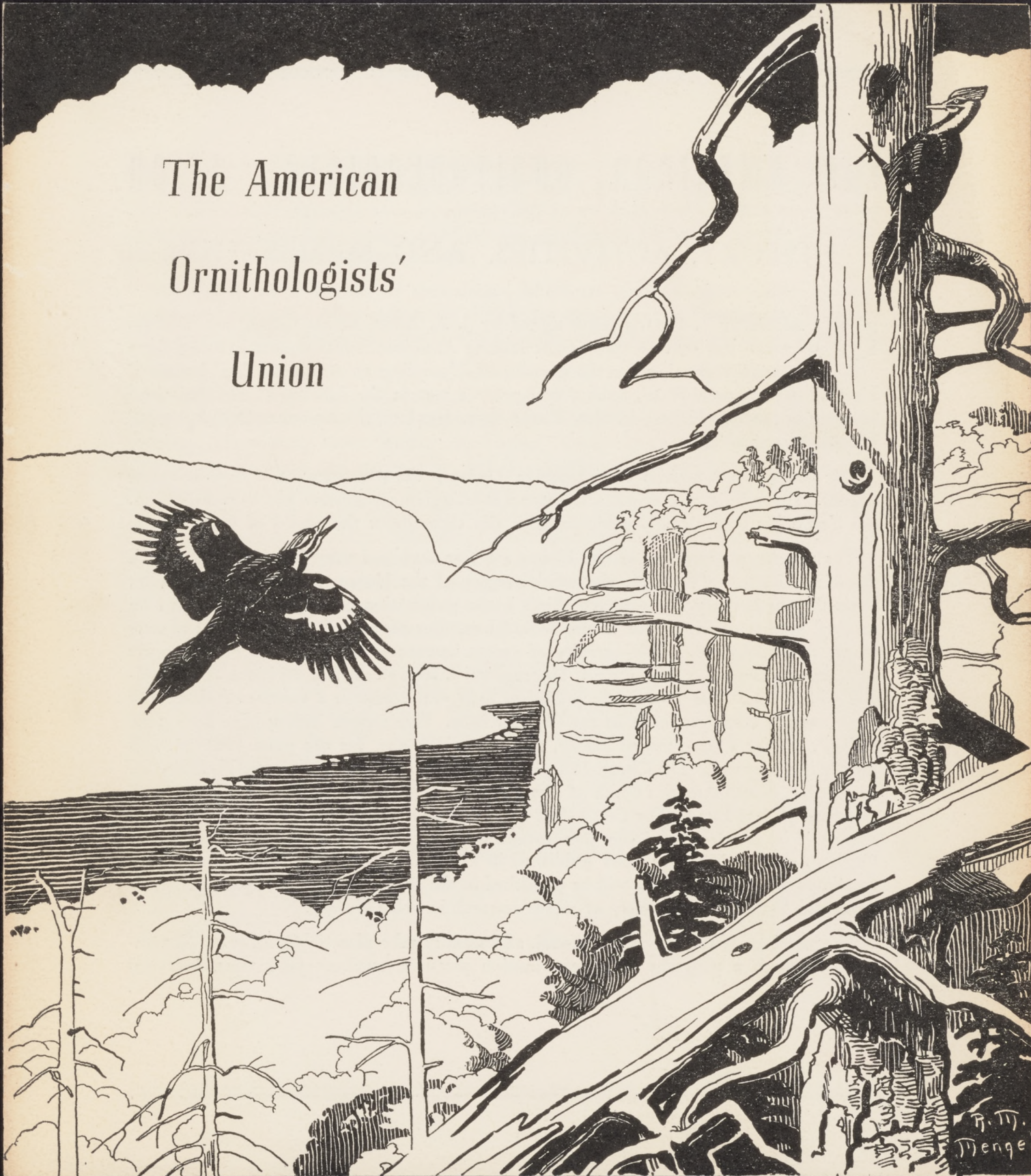
Dear Dr. Howard:

Although I had the opportunity to-day to congratulate you on your election as Fellow of the American Ornithologists' Union, I wish to repeat my words with this little note. The Museum and you, yourself, should be very proud of this honor which comes as a very fitting reward to many years of constructive and hard scientific work. Heartiest congratulations!

Dr. Hildegard Howard
Los Angeles County Museum
Los Angeles, California

James H. Breasted

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THE AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION

HISTORY, ACTIVITIES, AND MEMBERSHIP

ON AUGUST 1, 1883, a letter signed by J. A. Allen, Elliott Coues, and William Brewster was sent to forty-eight leading American ornithologists inviting them to attend a meeting for the purpose of "founding an American Ornithologists' Union." On September 26, twenty-one persons met in the Library of the American Museum of Natural History in New York; three days later the American Ornithologists' Union came into being.

The aim of the American Ornithologists' Union is the advancement of ornithological science. Through its publications, its annual meeting, its committees, and its membership, the Union has been steadily achieving this aim throughout the period of its existence.

The regular publications of the Union are *The Auk* and the "Check-List of North American Birds." *The Auk*, the official organ of the Union, is published quarterly, beginning in January. Its primary object is the publication of major articles based on original studies of birds, but it also includes sections of general notes, reviews of new works in ornithology, a bibliography of recent literature, ornithological news, reports and announcements of the Union, biographical information, and revisions of the official Check-List. The four issues published each year comprise a volume of about 500 pages, with a complete index in the October issue. Five general indices have been published, each for a ten-year, or longer, period; a sixth one, for the years 1941-1950, is now being prepared. The Check-List gives the names and ranges of all the birds known to occur in North America north of Mexico and in Baja California. Fossil birds of North America are also listed. The Check-List has had four editions (the last in 1931); a fifth edition is in preparation. Other publications include "Fifty Years' Progress of American Ornithology," a 250-page book published in 1933. Currently the Union is sponsoring two important works which will be published in the near future—a handbook of North American birds and a summary of recent research in avian biology.

The meetings of the Union are annual, and usually take place in October or November. Through a program of papers, motion pictures, exhibits, field trips, informal

parties, and a banquet, the Annual Meeting has become a clearing house for the exchange of ideas, a forceful stimulus for further study, and a source of memorable fellowship. Those who attend regularly have an opportunity to see birds in the field in many parts of the United States and Canada, and have the privilege of visiting the major museums and examining their collections of birds.

The Union has a number of committees, which are of three types: administrative, service, and research. All members are eligible for appointment. Through its Advisory Committee on Bird Protection, the Union takes an active part in wildlife conservation.

The membership of the Union is open to all persons and comprises four classes: Fellows, Members, Associates, and Patrons. Membership is initiated by some member of the Union proposing the name of a prospective member to the Council, or by a person requesting information about joining the Union. Upon election, all new members are classified as Associates and receive *The Auk*. For significant contributions to ornithology, Associates are honored by election to the class of Members. Members may be honored for further meritorious contributions to ornithology by election to the class of Fellows. Patrons are persons who have contributed a thousand dollars or more to further the aims of the Union. The total membership has progressed steadily from a beginning of 23 Founders in 1883 to 582 members at the end of the first decade, 775 at the end of the second, 992 in 1913, 1,652 in 1923, 1,993 in 1933, and 1,660 in 1943. At the close of 1952, the total membership numbered 3,450.

Funds for carrying on the work of the Union are derived mainly from membership dues. Funds are obtained also from the sale of publications, life memberships, contributions, and interest from endowment funds. The annual dues for Associates are \$4.00; for Members, \$5.00; for Fellows, \$6.00. Life membership exempts the holder from all further dues and may be obtained by a member of any class upon payment of \$100.00 (payable, if preferred, in four equal annual installments). Any member who becomes a Patron is also exempt from annual dues. The funds derived from the payments of Life Members and Patrons are put in the General Endowment Fund. The endowment funds are in charge of three trustees who are elected annually but usually serve for a number of terms.

FURTHER INFORMATION, AND APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP, MAY BE OBTAINED FROM ANY OFFICER OF THE UNION OR ANY MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE NOMINATION OF ASSOCIATES.

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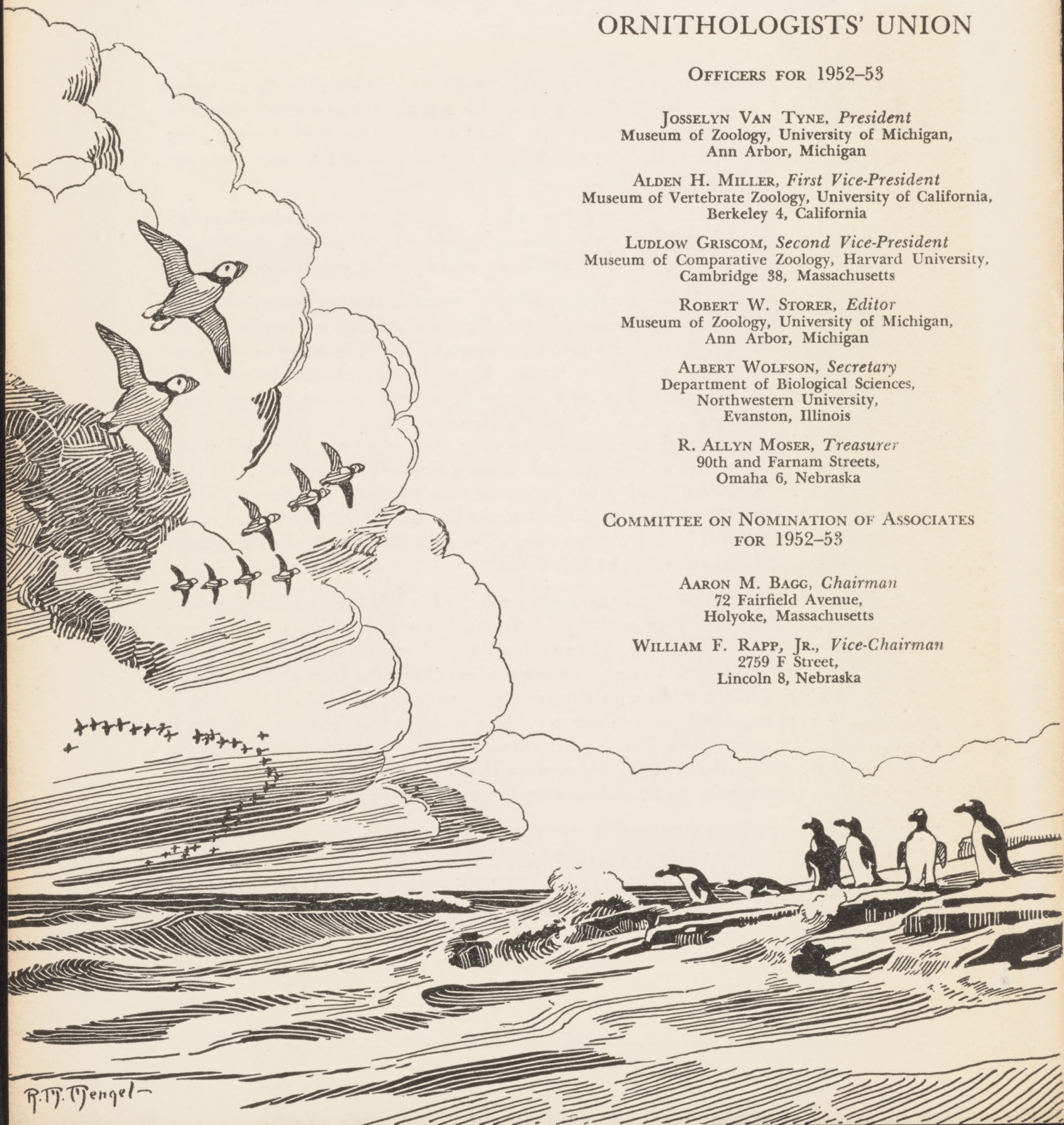
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE UMPTY-FIRST STATED MEETING OF THE AUKLET SOCIETY

Lorenzo Chalkinwalk, Hon. Sec.

We are sorry to note that the Program Committee once again fell flat on its face and failed to provide delegates to the meeting of our parent organization with the requisite copies of abstracts of papers. This careless and unpardonable lapsus comitatis has caused great inconvenience, forcing many delegates to attend the papers sessions instead of devoting their time to more valuable and instructive pursuits, such as loafing, bird-watching, tippling, politicking, and swapping lies, jokes (?), and the latest dirt with other attending colleagues. To remedy this lamentable oversight, and to show those who can't bear to sit through papers sessions anyhow what they missed, the Auklet takes pleasure in providing the following resume of the sessions just past.

1. Report on the Life Histories. IKKY ALLOVER, JR., Florid U., Lostville, Cuba.-- Not quite busted, just badly Bent.
2. Discovery of Black-capped Petrels breeding in Hispaniola. DAVEY LOSTWICKET, Bermuda, N.Y.-- Mmmmm, good!
3. Recovery of a Heron Colony following Total Destruction by a Hailstorm. TOM. L. QUEASY and DOTE GIBADAM, N.C. Tobacco Co., Rawleaf, N.C.-- Sorry, it didn't.
4. Spring Mortality to Birds following Fall Spraying of Elms. A. R. WALLACE and CH. DARWIN, Bovine U., East Singsing, Mich.-- If Winter come, can Spring be far behind?
5. Invasion of Sickdissels in Sinaloa. JOSE MARISCAL T., Arid U., Tucson, Mex.-- A flagrantly imperialistic gringo infraction by Alta Calihoosians.
6. The Prairie Falcon in the Central Rocky Mountain Region. JAMES H. DEADEND, Col. Col., Col. Spgs., Col.--Name of this bird seems somehow most inappropriate.

7. A Southern South American Martin in Southernmost North America. BOBBY WILLIAMSON, JR. U. S. Sparking Service, Bedstead, Cuba.-- Birds sometimes fly quite a ways.
8. Origin and Development of Nectar Eating. SLIM PICKINS, Carlotta, No. Care.-- A honey.
9. Nest Construction by the House Wren. ROBERT A. MACABRE, Schlitz U., Madton, Wisk.-- They use any material available.
10. Sexual and Age Variation in the Skeleton of the Wild Turkey. I. M. EATON and N. O. MORE, Glutton U., Cheers, N.Y.-- Twenty-pound turkeys have larger bones and more white meat than eight-pounders. Pass the cranberries.
11. Feather Tips of the Waxwing. A. PAINT BRUSH, U. Baja Cal., Los Angelworms, Mex.-- Astacene (3,3'-4,4'-tetrake-beta-carotene).
12. Biology of the White-winged Dove. G. D. SANDERLING, U.S. Bureau of Sports, Lostville, Cuba.-- Eats good, and fun to shoot.
13. The Breeding Time of the Black-throated Sparrow in Baja California. RICHARD C. BLANK, Museo de Historia Natural, San Diego, Mex.-- Morning, noon, and night.
14. Recent Changes in the Avifauna of Florida. M. STEPHEN HENRYSON, Florid State College for Women, Tallyho, Cuba. (wall maps, Belloptican machine, blackboard, mimeograph material, opaque projector needed.)-- English Sparrow and Starling now established.
15. Survival and Longevity in the Chickadee. FRANK MACARONI, Spitz Mountain Sanctuary, Wigburg, Pa.-- Data disrupted by hawks.
16. Variation and Evolution in North American House Sparrows. ANN C. LANDERS, Teadrinkers U., Tintype, Tex., and ABBIE JOHNSON, Leavenworth U., Godton, Ks.Terr.-- Since its introduction in 1854 it has evolved at the rate of one subspecies per year.
17. Relation of Existence Energy Requirements to Size of Bird. CHARLEY KENNEDY and JOHN L. ROOMER, U. Sick, Urp., Ill.-- The bigger they get, the more they et.
- 17a. (Read by title) The Functioning of Appendages during Deceleration by Pigeons. HAM FISH, U. So. Sick, Carbuncle, Ill.--Most pigeons land on their feet. This does not apply to tumblers.
18. The Bioenergetics of the Sickdissel. JOHN L. ("False") ROOMER, U. Sick., Cornville, Ill.-- Cold induces freezing.
19. Water Economy and Metabolism in Two Estrildine Finches. TOMMY SPADE, S.P.C.A., Syrupjuice, N.Y.-- How dry I am.

20. Insulation in Owls. CHAS. H. TOAST, Florid U., Lostville, Cuba.-- They get cold if you pull out the feathers.
21. Weight, Zugunruhe, and Molt Cycles in Wild and Captive Swamp Sparrows. CHARLES H. WEISENHEIMER, Schlitz Brewing Co., Madton, Wisk.-- Prosit.
22. A Study of Avian Blood Groups with Emphasis on the Passeriformes. ROBERT T. MORASS, Tall Tales Research Sta., Tallyho, Cuba.-- Who needs electrophoresis?
23. Experimental Evidence for an Avian Cerebellar Hemisphere. J. A. HORMEL, DON GOOFMAN, and FRANK PAROLEE, Eighth Floor, Univ. Hospital, Lostville, Cuba.--Decapitation ordinarily results in summary cessation of cerebellar activity.
24. Preliminary Observations on Hypothalmo-hypophyseal Response in Relation to Stimulatory Daily Light-Dark Period during the Preparatory Phase of the Avian Reproductive Cycle with no clear-cut Increase or Depletion of Gomori-Positive Material in the Median Eminence during the Subsequent Progressive Phase of Testicular Growth.-- A. WOLFWHISTLE and SAHARA DESERTSON, W.C.T.U., Evanston, Ill. (slides, 180 min.)-- Sorry folks, time's up!
25. Fear Responses of Quail to a Model and a Live Red-tailed Hawk. K. B. MELODION and PURPLE MARTIN, Dept. of Parasickology, Lostville, Fla.-- Who's afraid of the big, bad hawk?
26. Observations on the Life History of Nothoprocta sinerassens in Argentina. D. A. LANCASTEROIL, American Nature Museum, Four Roses, N.Y.--Males whistle at females.
27. Ethological Studies of the Evening Grosbeak. J. OLDFELLER, Leavenworth U., Raymond, Kan.--Game called on account of darkness.
28. Functional Anatomy and Feeding in Geranospiza. JEAN PYNE CONE, Harvard U. (Western Branch), Ann's Vinyard, Mich.-- Birds grab prey with feet, eat it with beak.
29. Behavioral Interactions of Redwinged Blackbirds and Common Grackles on a Common Breeding Ground. JOHN WIENER, Schlitz U., Madton, Wisk.-- They don't get along too well together.
30. Sexual Dimorphism in Trembleurs. ROBERT FAIRYSTORY, Arboretum, Geddes Pond, Mich.-- The little girls's are pink, little boys's blue.
31. Adaptive Modifications of Nesting Behavior in Neotropical Swifts. TOM COLLINS, Florid U., Lostville, Cuba.-- Pass the soup.
32. Breeding Behavior of the Red-cockaded Woodpecker. J. DAVID LIGNIN, Florid U., Lostville, Cuba.-- Censored.

33. Sexual Dimorphism and Differential Foraging Behavior in the Hispaniolan Woodpecker. ANN C. LANDERS, Teadrinkers U., Tincup, Tejas.-- A big beaker will hold more than a little one.
34. Remarks on the Behavior and Systematics of Cyanolyca. J. WILLY HARDHEAD, Oxtooth Col., Los Angelworms, Mex.-- Its nasal reek is more redolent than its insistent kwesh-kwesh.
35. The Status of Frantzius' Nightingale Thrush. ROBT. EITHEROR and J. S. ROWDY, Golden Gate Acad., San Quentin, Cal.-- Symbolic.
36. Additional Evidence of Monophyletic Origin of Ratites and Tinamous. GEORGE ROGERS CLARK, U.S. Peabody Mus., New Haven, D.C., and KEN E. BEAVER, Carnage Mus., Spitzburg, Pu. -- See Illiger 1811; Wagler 1830; et auct. plur.
37. Interbreeding of Gilded and Red-shafted Flickers in Arizona. LES BRIEF, Madona's Mus., Brooklyn, N.Y.-- The offspring are just plain hell and all to key out.
38. The Improbable History of Species Formation in Some Northern Wood Warblers. ROBT. M. MANGELWURZEL, Pen-mans Assn., Leavenworth, Kansas Terr. (slides, 150 min.)-- The complexity of developing this subject makes the time limit imposed a real hardship.
39. On the Mexican Sparrow, Xenospiza baileyi. R. W. BICKERMAN, Cornell Barbers Col., Bronx, N.Y., ALANO R. FELIPE, U. Nacional Automatica, Mexico, D.F., and D. WAYNE WORNOUT, Minnehaha U., Brown Jug, Minn.-- Everything published about this species is wrong.
40. Polymorphism in the Shield Color of the Peruvian Coot. FRANK B. GALL, Michigami U., Ann's Vineyard, Ont.-- Complete integration.
41. Analysis of Differences in the Thoracic and Coracoid Arteries in Several Columbids and Hirundinids. MARY N. PHILIPS, Leavenworth U., Dodge City, Kansas Terr.-- Pigeons ain't swallows.
42. Observations on the Classification of Passerine Birds. CARLOS ("RED") SIBLING, Butter & Egg Dept., Elmira U., Cayuga, N.Y. -- Though comprising a natural group, some families are not at all closely related.
43. Potential Winter Survival and Flight Distances in Buntings. CARL W. STERNS, Cockerell U., Limburg, Pa.-- Calculated results prove conclusively that birds are able to fly as far as they go.
44. Fall Migration in Relation to Cold Front Passage in Joisey. CHRISTINE PATTYCAKE, Rut. U., New Brunswick, Canada.-- Fall migration is often associated with cold weather.
45. Observations on Spring Migration in B.C. A. J. GHERKINE, U.S. Canada Wildlife Service, Sacktime, N.B.-- Mostly northward.

46. Foster Parentage in the South Polar Skua. ROBERT C. WOODEN, Hopping John U., Biltmore, Md. -- Exposes the adoption racket about which the squaw skua squawks.

47. Chlordiazepoxide as an Aid to Handling Penguins. VAGN FLYGER (you can't improve on that), Marylamb U., Ann Apples, Md.-- Rx: Take 3 tablets before approaching birds.

48. Molt in the Adelie Penguin. PENNY WISE and POUND FOOLISH, Marquette U. (Madison Branch), Brewton, Wisk.-- A molt normally occurs, during which the old feathers are replaced by new ones.

49. Distance Navigation in the Adelie Penguin. JOHNNY EMBOLISM, Milwaukee U. (Madison Branch), Hopsville, Wiskeyonsin.-- Sun goggles and a St. Bernard are desirable adjuncts.

50. Recording and Estimating Adelie and Chinstrap Penguin Populations. W.J.L.von SCHLAGEN, Hopping John U., Blitzmore, Md. und B.A.D. PFENNIG, Lake Koshkonong U. (Madison Branch), W. Germany-- 1, 2, 3, 23 gone to the dogs.



RECORD OF OBSERVATIONS
DAY OF 1¹/₂ May, 1980

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STATION: Mexico, Cozumel Id. Cabana.

Be sure to fill this sheet daily. It's VERY IMPORTANT !!

TIME	IN	OUT	FOCUS	IDENTITY	REMARKS
5:40 a.m.					BEGIN LOOKING, G.Howe Lousey, Jr. looking & writing. Scope up & down, head up, feet N&S, sky gorgeous!
5:41-9:19					TIME OUT for coffee (ugh! Should have brought Luzianne). Adjust chair, umbrella, air-conditioner.
9:20-9:25					TIME OUT to get Bobby Oldwoman out of sack. Lowered chair to horizontal. Scope 60-70°, feet NNE by SSE.
9:26-9:37					BO watching, GHL, Jr writing down. Sky more gorgeous, wind cool, refreshing. Red Stick never like this!
9:38-10:30					TIME OUT to watch Quail on beach. In full prenuptial molt! GHL, Jr tried to collect one, but no luck.
10:31-11:30					TIME OUT to watch "Queen for a Day" and "As the World Turns" on portable TV. Reception splendid.
11:31-11:46					TIME OUT to put more air in mattress, adjust pillows. Dark glasses restful, but don't hold nearly enough.
12:12:03-12:14:06					TIME OUT to change observers (BO fell asleep again) GHL, Jr looking, BO recording. Optical aviometer 62°, pedal heading due E. Troposphere, ionosphere, stratosphere crystal clear, except clouds in NE half of SW quadrant. Wind SSSW, est. at 8.53 mph, scope slanted, feet itchy, ice running low, no quail in sight now.
12:14:56	3	9	PP	Bird??	Perched on slanting limb but headed right way.
12:15:09	6	12	G	Im f Tenn Warbler	DISCARD this data (sic)-headed wrong direction.
12:15:10-12:23:23					TIME OUT to retrieve BO's hat. Too late! Last seen drifting toward Cuba. Darn. Marcella will kill me!
12:24:25	3	9	F	Birds!	White, black caps, long forked tails. GOOD DATA
12:26:27	3	9	Q	More birds!!	Pink, long legs, headed right. MORE GOOD DATA!!
12:28:29					Flight call heard twice. BO says sounds like "What! Me worry?"
12:30:30-6:45:02					TIME OUT to let 386 Mexicans enjoy view of sky. No data but good public relations and very diplomatic. Besides, each brought refreshments and we are having a very nice time indeed.
6:45:03					DayLite OBSERVATIONS End. LoONER OBSERVASHUNS ShAR T Jr recordin BO tryin to look. Moonjsht butiful.
11:45:03					END LOONER OBSERVASHUNS
					(Lunar data inconclusive; terminator was terminated and scope apparently trained on nearby lamp post.)

TOTAL BIRDS observed: 11. TOTAL TIME: 10 minutes, 25 seconds.

Over one bird per minute -- A NEW RECORD !!!

RECENT STUDIES OF DEVELOPMENT
in
PRECOCIALS AND ALTRICIALS

by MARGERY MOORE MICE

(The AUKLET proudly presents Miss Mice's bicentennial address by special arrangement with Euman Irongene, special counsellor to the Lineman Society, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, and D.C.)

A. PRECOX: The investigation of the natal development of Titanis fiercii, the only extant relative of the fossil Phorusrhacos (see p. 13 of this issue) has at last been completed. This precocial chick is imprinted on its male parent, which it follows for more than 10,000 years and which feeds it until it reaches aepyornithian proportions. The formidable parent defends his offspring vigorously against avian predators of at least the families Furrorrhacoidae and Ornistonacidae. Because of the amazingly long-lasting parent-offspring relationship, the famous protein sampler Suck Chipley has been unable to obtain eggwhite from this tremendously rare species. This is most unfortunate because Titanis fiercii thus remains the only species Chipley has not yet been able to assign to its proper phylogenetic rank, and its assumed relationship to the oscines remains, well, assumed.

In the absence of active support from the Chap M. Frankman, Tuckaway Marsh, and Explorer's West End funds to further his search for another Titanis egg (they have to draw the line somewhere), it was feared Chipley might have to postpone sampling for another 10,000 years. However, I am happy to announce that Peter T. Rogerson, the fabulously wealthy novelist from New Lemon who is so highly interested in rare species, is now actively subsidizing the search for this egg. Thus we can happily anticipate a rapid finish to the protein-aspect of avian evolution.

B. ALTRIX: The post-embryonic development and particularly the parent-offspring relationships in the altricial Honab ayo-yoohii are still being investigated. Being on the highest evolutionary level where only altricial species exist, this species is particularly difficult to investigate because of its brief incubation period of only three hours, its complex behavior patterns which so far have defied analysis, and especially because of its dangerous and forbidding mien which has caused so many investigators to forget their scientific integrity and fortitude. Most unfortunate have been the recent relentless and unwarranted castigations of these forgetful volunteers by Al Dean Hillmer of Berclifornia, which have further discouraged the teamwork so essential to this research. I would therefore like to emphasise here that this highly challenging ornithological problem cannot be completed within a reasonable time by a single precox, and that a large number of serious precocials is needed to complete our understanding of the famous altricial Honab ayo-yoohii, so dear and so near to all our hearts.

A PREOCCUPIED NAME IN ORNITHOLOGY

Philip Bumfree & L. Ektrik Sparks

Since its proposal by us (Awk, vol. 76, pp. 1-31), the term Feather Coat has quite naturally become the most Basic term in the New Ornithology. We are sorry to report, therefore, that while conducting Supplemental research at the Bula Bula Historical Library, we encountered numerous Prealternate uses of this term for a "complete" different Aspect of ornithology.

During our New Look at the literature we were unable to discover who started this Cycle, but the Definitive publication of the term Feather Coat by Humahuma-stikanekow-awa-awa (Pine-apple Gazette, vol. 1, p. 1, 1854) seems to be the first that is valid under the rules of nomenclature. As it would be Dolefully "immature" or "subadult" to condone anything that had been employed in a Prebasic sense, as an Alternate for Feather Coat (Bum. & Sparks 1959, nec Hum. 1854), we hereby invent the term:

Plumage (Nom. nov.)

The aptness of this term is apparent from its derivation, viz.: Plum (past tense of Anglo-Saxon plim, related to Greek proumnon, of obscure origin but probably meaning either "full of it" or else "a color like that of some plums, blue-red in hue, of low saturation and very low brilliance") and Age (from Old French age, assumed to be derived from Latin aevum, meaning "stage of live" as in "aged in the wood.")

Just as the bird changes its plumage, so does the plum. In "natal down" the plum is a pink flower. The "postnatal" molt gives it the "juvenal" green plum age, which is followed by the "postjuvenal" molt. This is Basic. The purple plum age is the "adult" part of the Cycle. The "postnuptial" molt is responsible for the prune.

As this term is BRAND NEW, we most Strongly urge its immediate adoption by all Progressive Ornithologists.

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LEGAL NOTICE

WHEREAS the former province of Alta California, through the evil offices of the Candor Society and the Pacific Roast Avifauna, has seen fit to rebel against, to insult, to vituperate, and to impugn the veracity of Mexican Ornithology, and

WHEREAS we don't think this is very nice,

THEREFORE BE IT DECREED that no such member of either or both of the aforementioned societies, individually or severally, whose residence lies both north of the aldea of Los Angeles and west of the aldea of Tucson, in the province of Baja California, shall be permitted to enter upon, habitate, or abide within, or to shoot, trap, or ensnare birds, within the confines of the Republic of Mexico, including the aldeas of Los Angeles and Tucson.-----
Sociedad Unida de Los Amigos, Mexico, D.F. (firmado y sellado por don Alano R. Felipe, excribiente).

A CORRECTION -- In describing Cypseloides lemosi, a new species of swift from Colombia, we neglected to supply it with a common (or vernacular) name, designation, or appellation. It may hereinafter be known, styled, termed, and denominated forever as the Santander White-or-black-breasted Flaccid-fork-tailed Chimney-Swallow.-- U. JEAN IRONMONGER and F. CHAS. VASSAL, The Linament Society, Bronx, New York.

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A FABULOUS RELATIONSHIP

Carl Sibling, Roberto C. Lander, and K.L.W.E.Dixon-Lanyon, B.S.

By the use of amazing new techniques, developed severally and independently by each of us while scrambling eggs and/or repairing juke-boxes, respectively, we have discovered a certain hitherto totally unbelievable relationship within the Class Aves¹. We became aware of this apocryphal phenomenon on comparison of the song pattern of the Mute Swan (fig. 1) and the eggwhite profile (fig. 2) of the male Ostrich². The amazing similarity of these figures is more than coincidental -- it proves that a fabulous phylogenetic relationship exists between these species, until now thought only distantly related.

-----/_____ X
Figure 1

-----/_____ X
Figure 2

(Figs. 1-2. Song pattern of Mute Swan (fig. 1) and eggwhite profile of male Ostrich. In comparing these patterns disregard the height of the peaks, the number of peaks, the length of run and, in fact, everything to the left of X.)

We therefore propose to combine these two species in a new Order of birds, which may be known conveniently as the Zzajii-formes³. Furthermore we hereby give due notice that we intend to pursue these and similar studies in extenso et ad nauseam⁴ and to present the results of our New Phylogeny as they develop in every subsequent number of the Auklet.

1. Birds

2. This is the sex that incubates the eggs. The sex that actually oviposits them is still unknown, but we are trying our best to find out. See next Auklet.

3. Etymology: Jazz spelled backward.

4. And that's aplenty.-- Ed.

SPECIAL REVIEW SECTION

WEBSTER'S NEW INTERNATIONAL DICTIONARY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, Fourth Edition, Unabridged. G. & C. Merriam Co., Springfield, Mass., 1970: xlv + 3488 pages, illustrated. Price \$50.

The appearance of a volume as eagerly awaited by scholars as the fourth edition of the Merriam-Webster Unabridged Dictionary should be an event that a reviewer might report with a great deal of pleasure. Unfortunately this is not the case. After such a great outlay of time, effort, and money, one can only regret that the final product is, in general, so unsatisfactory.

The introduction discusses the method of treatment of a number of kinds of information, including such topics as spelling, etymology, pronunciation, usage, synonyms and antonyms, and the like. These topics are discussed in considerable detail, perhaps in some instances in too much detail, but at least there is but little chance that the reader will misunderstand the manner in which these subjects are treated in the body of the work.

Too frequently unimportant trivia have been included among the words selected for definition. Since few American scholars will visit South Africa or the Shetland Islands, it seems hardly necessary to record the fact that "Geelbec" is a vernacular name for Anas flavirostris in the former, and "Tysty" for Plautus alle in the latter. Indeed, considering the large number of pocket and specialized dictionaries available, one wonders if it would not have been better to omit most of the words in the new "Webster" to avoid needless and costly duplication.

The worst mistake of the editors of this dictionary, and one which unfortunately eliminates it as a possibly useful reference work for ornithologists, is the recognition of the terminology for molts and plumages devised by Pumphrey and Harkes (1959). The stature given this terminology by its inclusion in "Webster" will be misleading to non-specialists, who may not realize in what thorough disrepute these terms are held. I have made a careful search through the files of the three major American ornithological journals (Condor, Pacific Coast Avifauna, and University of California Publications in Zoology) without finding a single instance of usage of the Pumphrey-Harkes terminology.

The obvious padding, the small size of the illustrations, the extreme weight, and the excessive price, as well as the calamitous choice of terms for definition, all indicate that this supposedly indispensable work is anything but that, in spite of its "imposing" list of cooperating scholars. It would undoubtedly have been a much better book if we out here hadn't been too busy to help compile it.-- OLDEN H. DAYVIES.

Here's to the birds of our Sunshine State!
 They breed (when they can) at a furious rate.
 But not the imported plover
 That's kept under starry cover.
 He makes no effort to duplicate,
 But just bemoans his Sauery fate.

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THE CHRISTMAS CENSUS HYMN

(with no apologies to the U.S. Marines)

From New England's icy coastline
 To the shores of Hawaii,
 We will count our country's birdlife
 In the air, on land, and sea.
 First to get our names all printed,
 Let it never more be said
 That we resented paying
 Just fifty cents a head.

We take the weather in our stride
 From dawn to setting sun.
 We hunt in every clime and place
 And we never use a gun.
 From Alaska's chilly tundra
 To subtropics burning red,
 Every census taker pays
 Just fifty cents a head.

Here's health to us and to our aims,
 Which we are proud to serve.
 In many a count we risk our lives
 And never lose our nerve.
 If other natural sciences
 To similar perils led,
 Would they also gladly pay
 Just fifty cents a head?

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ODE TO A SNOWY EGRET IN FIRST ALTERNATE*

Oh egret nudirostrate,
 Parked in your first alternate
 As you hum freely through the air
 Your basic you no longer wear.
 When your aspect you next replase (sic)
 We fear 'twill be your second basic.

* - See letter opposite -- Ed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Maceration Alley,
Flint, Florida.

Editor, The AUKLET,
Dear Sir:

Having recently had occasion to re-examine my birth certificate, I was astonished to find that my name is entered thereon as "Fierce Bruskub." Whether this was a typographical error or perhaps some clerk's lamentable attempt at humor cannot, at this late date, be determined. Be that as it may, this is the way my name was formally proposed and, as I am unalterably opposed to emendations or corrections of such lapsi, I am, as it were and so to speak, stuck with it.

I believe, however, that there is nothing in the Regles to prevent me from at least suggesting how I would like my name pronounced. I therefore politely request that Bruskub be made to rhyme with Phorusrhacos (see AUK, Apr. 1963, page 111, footnote), as the latter would if the first and third syllables were omitted and the final letter were "b" rather than "s."

Respectfully yours,

(signed) Fierce Bruskub

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13 Ivory Tower,
Lostville, Fla.

Editor, the AUKLET,
Dear Sir:

This is to inform you that the WORKING POETS OF FLORIDA and THE FLORIDA MASTERS OF POETIC PROSE, in their joint annual meeting assembled, have voted unanimously to award their sesquipedalian prize for beautifying, clarifying, and enriching the English language to Messrs. P. S. Homefree and Casey Pukes. Their meaningful, highly descriptive and melodious terms for plumages and molts are in our opinion the outstanding contribution to our language in this century. We are sure the glowing word pictures brought to mind by such ingeniously delightful terms as "first basic" and "second prealternate" will have a profound effect on literature. New rhymes, new rhythms, and new forms and styles of poetry will doubtless develop from the subtle connotations and music these phrases engender in the human imagination.

Our president is now working on an ode* which, when (and if) completed, will be forwarded to the winners embossed on a genuine alligator-skin medal in honor of the occasion.

Threnodically yours,

Sidney Lanier Beebe, Secr.

* For 1st stanza see opposite - Ed.

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EIGHTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday
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GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA



William Bartram's drawing of the
"Crying Bird" or Limpkin.
(From Bartram, 1818, pl. 1)

DINNER MENU

Chilled Jumbo Shrimp Cocktail

*Fillet of Chicken Breast Eugene
With Supreme Sauce*

Herbed Rice

Green Beans Amandine

Baked Tomato Parmesan

*Fresh Florida Fruit Salad
French Dressing*

Chilled Assorted Relishes

Pecan and Cloverleaf Rolls

Baked Alaska Flambé

Coffee

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Circular of Information
Eighty-first Stated Meeting
of
The
American Ornithologists' Union



University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida

August 12-16, 1963

Issued by the Local Committee on Arrangements and the
Secretary of the American Ornithologists' Union

Eighty-first Stated Meeting, A.O.U.

At the invitation of the University of Florida, the American Ornithologists' Union will meet in Gainesville, Florida, August 12-16, 1963. Headquarters will be in Hume Hall on the University of Florida campus. Business sessions will convene in Hume Hall. Public sessions will be held in the nearby auditorium and lecture rooms of McCarty Hall.

REGISTRATION

Members and guests may register in the lobby of Hume Hall starting on Monday afternoon, August 12, at 1:00 p.m. The usual registration fee of \$3.00 per adult registrant will be charged.

BUSINESS SESSIONS

Business sessions are scheduled in Hume Hall on Monday, August 12, as follows:

First meeting of the Council, in the TV Room at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting of Fellows, in the Downstairs Lounge at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting of Fellows and Elective Members, in the Downstairs Lounge at 8:15 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSIONS

The five public sessions for the reading of papers and showing of slides and motion pictures will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings starting at 9:00 a.m., and Tuesday and Thursday afternoons beginning at 2:00 p.m.

CALL FOR PAPERS

All members are urged to participate in the program and in so doing to observe the following procedure:

1. Send titles and abstracts of papers to Oliver L. Austin, Chairman of the Committee on the Scientific Program, Florida State Museum, Gainesville, Florida.

2. All titles and abstracts must be in the hands of the chairman on or before June 29, 1963.

3. An abstract must be sent in triplicate for each paper and each motion picture.

4. For each paper give the following information in a separate paragraph at the end of the abstract: (a) length of time required, (b) type of illustrations if any (include size and color for slides), (c) other equipment needed (blackboard, map hanger, record player, tape recorder—indicate speed of tape).

5. For each motion picture give the following information: (a) length of time required, (b) size of film, (c) number and size of reels and total footage, (d) color, (e) sound.

This information will be reviewed by the Committee on the Scientific Program, which is authorized to select papers for presentation, to place them in appropriate sessions, and to allot time enough for each to permit ample opportunity for discussion.

Abstracts should be typewritten, *double-spaced*, on one side of a single sheet of paper ($8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ inches), and should not exceed 250 words. They should include a concise statement of results or conclusions rather than a mere definition of the problem or subject on which the speaker intends to elaborate. They may be informal in style, as they will be used only by the Committee in selecting and arranging the program. The author's name, address, and institutional affilia-

tion (if any) should be in the form in which he wants them to appear on the program.

SOCIAL EVENTS

✓ Monday, August 12

6:00 p.m. Dinner for Council and Fellows.

Tuesday, August 13

10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Guided tour of campus and local points of interest for wives of members and other guests.

✓ 8:00 p.m. Reception and unveiling of new exhibits at the Florida State Museum, Seagle Building (transportation from Hume Hall will be furnished).

Wednesday, August 14

✓ 1:15 p.m. Trip by bus for all members and guests to Silver Springs (40 miles away) for trips in glass-bottom boats, visits to Ross Allen's Reptile Institute and other attractions. Return by 5:30 to the University of Florida's recreation center at Lake Wauburg for swimming, boating, and barbecue supper.

Thursday, August 15

9:15 a.m. All day trip for wives of members and other guests by bus to St. Augustine for tour of our oldest city, including visit to Marineland. Return about 5:00 p.m.

✓ 7:00 p.m. Annual Banquet, Student Service Center. Dress informal.

FIELD TRIPS

For Friday, August 16, two field trips will be arranged if sufficient interest is shown by advance information sheets. All trips will leave from Hume Hall.

1. All day trip by bus to Tampa to visit Busch Gardens and its unmatched collection of live parrots and other birds. Departure at 7:00 a.m., return about 5:00 p.m. Round trip of 300 miles.

2. All day trip by bus to Cedar Keys on the Gulf of Mexico and by boat to the University of Florida Marine Biological Station on Sea Horse Key. Round trip by bus of 120 miles, by boat 8 miles.

Costs of trips will depend on the number of people taking them, and will be determined later.

For those who may wish to spend the weekend seeing something of southern Florida and Everglades National Park before leaving from Miami Monday or Tuesday for the XVI International Congress of Zoology (which convenes in Washington, D.C., Tuesday, August 20) the Local Committee will be happy to advise on ways and means and best potential birding areas.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND MEALS

The University of Florida has reserved Hume Hall exclusively for the use of A.O.U. members and guests during the meetings. Hume Hall adjoins Lake Alice where alligators growl and Purple and Common Gallinules, Ospreys, and seven species of herons and ibises breed. Hume is a new, comfortable residence center with dormitory space for 600 students. Its spacious lobby, cafeteria, various public rooms, and lounges on each dormitory corridor are air-conditioned. Each corridor of 20 double rooms (well ventilated but not air-conditioned) has lavatories for both men and women.

The rates for Hume Hall, including maid service, for rooms with twin beds are \$2.50 per person per day double occupancy, \$3.50 per day single occupancy.

Three meals will be served daily in the Hume Hall Cafeteria, with coffee and coke breaks in mid-morning and afternoon, at a flat rate of \$4.00 per day

Letter to Dickinson July 5, 1963 re no reply to reservations

per person. The Cafeteria will serve breakfast from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m., lunch from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m., and dinner from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Local Committee on Arrangements hopes that everyone will utilize the excellent accommodations provided on the campus because of their proximity to the meeting places and the opportunities for socializing. For those who prefer to stay off-campus, Gainesville has a plethora of motels within a few minutes drive of the campus. Holiday Inn, University Inn, Howard Johnson's, Tom Sawyer, and Travelodge are among the national chains, and there are many others. Rates in August run from \$7 to \$11 per double room per night.

RESERVATIONS

Sent for form Run on form subject about mid May

Reservations for accommodations in Hume Hall may be made by applying to Dr. J. C. Dickinson, Jr., Chairman of the Local Committee, Florida State Museum, Gainesville, Florida, preferably on the enclosed form. Reservations will be confirmed. Please indicate whether single or double occupancy of rooms is desired, date (and mode and time if possible) of arrival, and time of departure.

Reservations for off-campus housing must be made directly to the motel or hotel.

To facilitate planning and arrangements, the Local Committee will appreciate advance reservations for the social events and field trips on the enclosed form. Please make reservations as soon as possible.

DIRECTIONAL AND OTHER INFORMATION

Gainesville is in north-central Florida, midway between the Ocean and the Gulf, 70 miles southwest of Jacksonville, on routes 441, 20, and 26. The city is served by two railroads (Seaboard and Atlantic Coast Lines), by two bus lines (Greyhound and Trailways), but only one airline (Eastern), which flies one plane daily south from Atlanta via Jacksonville and one north from Miami via Tampa. Jacksonville is served by Eastern, United, Delta, National, Northeast, and Southern airlines. Charter flights are available from Jacksonville to Gainesville, and there is convenient express bus service. The Local Committee hopes to have a representative meet incoming planes, trains, and buses at the Gainesville terminals. For those coming by car, the Florida roads are excellent and motel accommodations plentiful enroute (consult your AAA service). The University of Florida is on the west side of Gainesville. The main entrance leads off 13th Street (route 441) at 2nd Avenue southwest. Directional signs will lead to Hume Hall from the information booth at the entrance to the campus.

August temperatures in Gainesville range from an average minimum of 71° F to an average maximum of 91° F; relative humidities average from 61% in early afternoon to 88% at night. Afternoon thundershowers are frequent, so a light raincoat is desirable. For daytime wear informal sports clothes are usual on the campus. For the various outings and field trips sportswear or ordinary street clothing will be suitable. Gainesville is in a dry county, and beer is the only alcoholic beverage purchasable locally. Tickets for meals, the various excursions and field trips, and the annual banquet should be purchased early at the registration desk in Hume Hall.

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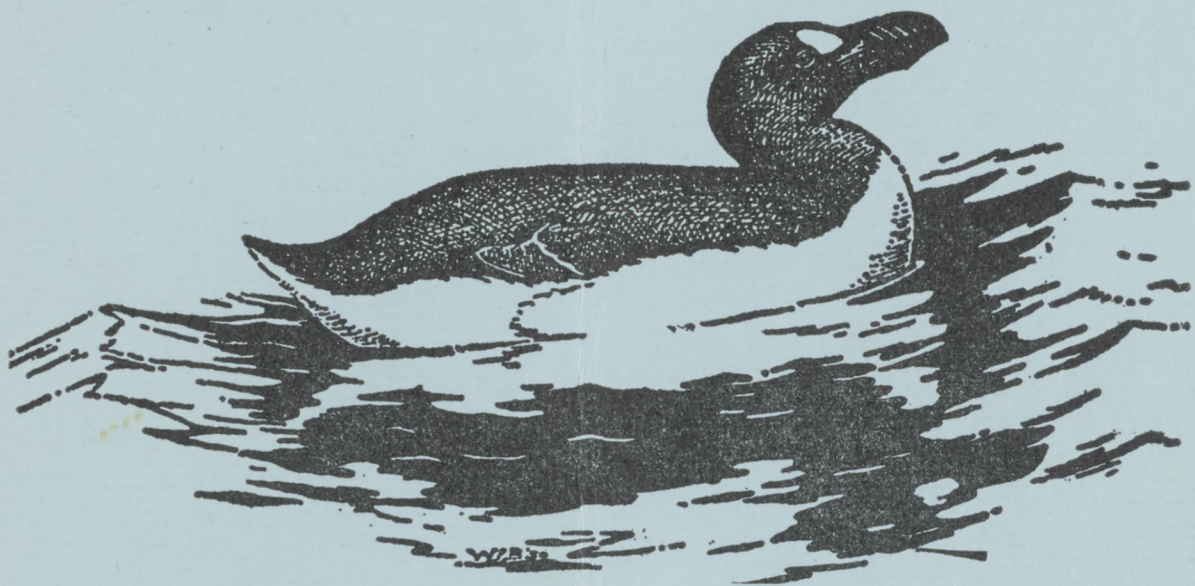
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August 12-16, 1963

MEMBERS AND GUESTS ARE INVITED

INFORMATION

REGISTRATION and information desk for members and guests in the main lobby of Hume Hall, University of Florida campus, will be open Monday, August 12, from 1 to 8 p.m.; Tuesday, August 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, August 14, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Thursday, August 15, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. All adults attending the meetings are expected to register and to pay the registration fee of \$3.00.

MEALS: The Hume Hall cafeteria will be open exclusively for those attending the meetings for breakfast (6:30 to 8:30 a.m.) and lunch (12 to 1:30 p.m.) Monday through Thursday, and for dinner (6 to 7:30) Monday and Tuesday. Meals will be served a la carte all day Monday and on Friday morning. Registrants may purchase tickets for all meals Tuesday through Thursday, including the trip lunches, barbecue, and annual dinner, for \$16 plus tax. Meals purchased separately these days at the cafeteria will be breakfast \$1.25, lunch \$1.50, and dinner \$1.75; separate tickets for the barbecue are \$2.00, for the annual dinner \$5.50, all plus tax. During the scientific sessions coffee, iced tea, and soft drinks will be served in the McCarty patio without charge to those holding meal tickets. Please purchase meal tickets and tickets for the outings and annual dinner when you register.

ALL PUBLIC SESSIONS will be held in McCarty Auditorium, one-half mile from Hume Hall. A shuttle bus will operate between Hume and McCarty before and after each session.

THE BIRD COLLECTIONS at the University are housed as follows:
Habitat groups & Doe egg collection, Florida State Museum, Seagle Bldg.
Synoptic and study collections, Bird Range, Building I, Campus.
Skeletal material and fossils, Suite 207, Flint Hall, Campus.
All will be open for inspection and use during the meetings.

PROGRAM

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

BUSINESS MEETINGS, HUME HALL

- 9:00 a.m. Meeting of the Council in the TV room.
- 4:00 p.m. Meeting of Fellows in the downstairs lounge.
- 5:30 p.m. Council and Fellows symposium at 205 SE 7th Street.
- 6:45 p.m. Council and Fellows dinner (Dutch) at the Hotel Thomas.
- 8:00 p.m. Meeting of Fellows and Elective Members in the downstairs lounge.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

9:00 A.M.—OPENING SESSION, MCCARTY AUDITORIUM

Welcome by Dean ROBERT B. MAUTZ, University of Florida
Response by President AUSTIN L. RAND, American Ornithologists' Union
Reports of business meetings, election results, standing committees

FIRST PAPERS SESSION, McCARTY AUDITORIUM

- ✓ 1. Report on the Bent Life Histories (10 min.) 9:50
OLIVER L. AUSTIN, JR., University of Florida,
Gainesville, Fla.
2. Discovery of Black-capped Petrels Breeding in Hispaniola 10:00
(slides, 20 min.)
DAVID B. WINGATE, Hamilton, Bermuda.
3. Recovery of a Heron Colony following Destruction by a 10:25
Hailstorm (slides, 15 min.)
THOMAS L. QUAY and DAVID A. ADAMS, North Caro-
lina State College, Raleigh, N. C.
4. Spring Mortality to Birds following Fall Spraying of Elms 10:45
(motion picture, 20 min.)
G. J. WALLACE and A. E. ETTER, Michigan State
University, Lansing, Mich.
5. Invasion of Dickcissels in Sinaloa (slides, 10 min.) 11:10
JOE T. MARSHALL, University of Arizona, Tucson,
Ariz.
6. The Prairie Falcon in the Central Rocky Mountain Region 11:25
(slides, 15 min.)
JAMES H. ENDERSON, Colorado College, Colorado
Springs, Colo.
7. A Southern South American Martin at Key West, Florida 11:45
(slides, 10 min.)
WILLIAM B. ROBERTSON, JR., Everglades National
Park, Homestead, Fla.
- 12:00 Group photograph on campus
- 12:15 Lunch, Hume Hall Cafeteria ✓

LADIES' PROGRAM

- 2:00 Buses leave Hume Hall for tour of University gardens and
Presidents home, tea at the Dickinson residence for wives of
members and guests.

SECOND PAPERS SESSION, McCARTY AUDITORIUM

8. Origin and Development of Nectar Eating (15 min.) 2:00
A. L. PICKENS, Charlotte, N. C.
9. Nest Construction by the House Wren (slides, 15 min.) 2:20
ROBERT A. McCABE, University of Wisconsin,
Madison, Wis.
- ✓ 10. Sexual and Age Variation in the Wild Turkey Skeleton 2:40
(slides, 10 min.)
STEPHEN W. EATON and TERRY MOORE, St. Bona-
venture University, St. Bonaventure, N. Y.

11. Feather Tips of the Cedar Waxwing (slides, 10 min.) 2:55
ALAN H. BRUSH, University of California, Los Angeles, Cal.
12. Biology of the White-winged Dove (slides, 20 min.) 3:10
GEORGE B. SAUNDERS, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Gainesville, Fla.
13. The Breeding Time of the Black-throated Sparrow in Baja California (slides, 15 min.) 3:35
RICHARD C. BANKS, Natural History Museum, San Diego, Cal.
14. Recent Changes in the Breeding Avifauna of Florida (slides, 15 min.) 3:55
HENRY M. STEVENSON, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Fla.
15. Survival and Longevity in the Black-capped Chickadee (slides, 20 min.) 4:15
FRANKLIN McCAMEY, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association, Orwigsburg, Pa.
- ✓ 16. Geographical Variation and Evolution in North American House Sparrows (slides, 20 min.) 4:40
ROBERT K. SELANDER, University of Texas, Austin, Tex., and RICHARD F. JOHNSTON, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan.

THIRD PAPERS SESSION, ROOM 44, McCARTY HALL (Concurrent)

17. Relation of Existence Energy Requirements to Size of Bird (slides, 20 min.) 2:00
S. CHARLES KENDEIGH and JOHN L. ZIMMERMAN, University of Illinois, Champaign, Ill.
18. The Bioenergetics of the Dickcissel (slides, 20 min.) 2:25
JOHN L. ZIMMERMAN, University of Illinois, Champaign, Ill.
19. Water Economy and Metabolism in Two Estrildine Finches (slides, 20 min.) 2:50
TOM J. CADE, Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y.
20. Insulation in Owls (slides, 15 min.) 3:15
CHARLES H. TROST, University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.
21. Body Weight, Zugunruhe, and Molt Cycles in Wild and Captive Swamp Sparrows (slides, 20 min.) 3:35
CHARLES M. WEISE, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wis.

- ✓ 22. A Study of Avian Blood Groups with Emphasis on the 4:00
Passeriformes (slides, 15 min.)

ROBERT A. NORRIS, Tall Timbers Research Station,
Tallahassee, Fla.

23. Experimental Evidence for an Avian Cerebellar Hemi- 4:20
sphere (slides, 15 min.)

JAMES A. HOREL, DONALD C. GOODMAN, and FRANK
FREEMAN, University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.

- ✓ 24. Hypothalmo-hypophyseal and Gonadal Response in Rela- 4:40
tion to the Daily Dark Period during the Preparatory
Phase of the Avian Reproductive Cycle (slides, 20 min.)

ALBERT WOLFSON and SHAYNA J. JOHNSON, North-
western University, Evanston, Ill.

✓ 6:00 Dinner, Hume Hall Cafeteria

✓ 7:30 Reception for members and guests at the Florida State
Museum, Seagle Building. Buses will operate between Hume
and Seagle throughout the evening.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

FOURTH PAPERS SESSION, MCCARTY AUDITORIUM

25. Fear Responses of Bobwhite Quail to a Model and a Live 9:00
Red-tailed Hawk (slides, 20 min.)

KENNETH B. MELVIN and R. CHRIS MARTIN, Univer-
sity of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.

26. Observations on the Life History of the Tinamou, *Notho-* 9:25
procta cinerascens in Argentina (slides, 15 min.)

DOUGLAS A. LANCASTER, American Museum of Nat-
ural History, New York, N. Y.

27. Ethological Observations of the Evening Grosbeak 9:45
(slides, 12 min.)

JOHN D. NEWMAN, University of Kansas, Lawrence,
Kan.

28. Functional Anatomy and Feeding in *Geranospiza* 10:00
(slides, 15 min.)

JEAN W. COHN, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor,
Mich.

29. Behavioral Interactions of Redwinged Blackbirds and 10:20
Common Grackles on a Common Breeding Ground
(slides, 15 min.)

JOHN A. WIENS, University of Wisconsin, Madison,
Wis.

30. Sexual Dimorphism in Trembleurs (slides, 15 min.) 10:40

ROBERT W. STORER, University of Michigan, Ann
Arbor, Mich.

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Roxie C.
Beathes -
Chick + Wildlife Room 6 p.m.

31. Adaptive Modifications of Nesting Behavior in Some Neotropical Swifts (slides, 15 min.) 11:00
CHARLES T. COLLINS, University of Florida,
Gainesville, Fla.
32. Breeding Behavior of the Red-cockaded Woodpecker (slides, motion picture, 15 min.) 11:20
J. DAVID LIGON, University of Florida, Gainesville,
Fla.
33. Sexual Dimorphism and Differential Foraging Behavior in the Hispaniolan Woodpecker (slides, 15 min.) 11:40
ROBERT K. SELANDER, University of Texas, Austin,
Tex.

✓ 12:00 Lunch, Hume Hall Cafeteria

1:30 Buses leave Hume Hall for 40-mile trip to Silver Springs for rides in glass-bottomed boats, visits to Ross Allen's Reptile institute and other attractions. Buses leave Silver Springs about 4:30 for Lake Wauburg barbecue, returning to Hume Hall about 9:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

LADIES' PROGRAM

8:30 Buses leave Hume Hall for all-day trip to St. Augustine with box lunch, returning by 4:00 p.m.

FIFTH PAPERS SESSION, MCCARTY AUDITORIUM

34. Remarks on the Behavior and Systematics of *Cyanolyca* (slides, 15 min.) 9:00
JOHN WILLIAM HARDY, Occidental College, Los Angeles, Cal.
35. The Status of Frantz's Nightingale Thrush (slides, 15 min.) 9:20
ROBERT T. ORR and J. STUART ROWLEY, California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, Cal.
- ✓ 36. Additional Evidence of Monophyletic Origin of Ratites and Tinamous (slides, 15 min.) 9:40
GEORGE A. CLARK, JR., Peabody Museum of Natural History, New Haven, Conn., and KENNETH C. PARKES, Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh, Pa.
37. Interbreeding of Gilded and Red-shafted Flickers in Arizona (slides, 15 min.) 10:00
LESTER L. SHORT, American Museum of Natural History, New York, N. Y.

- ✓ 38. The Probable History of Species Formation in Some Northern Wood Warblers (Parulidae) (slides, 15 min.) 10:20

ROBERT M. MENGEL, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan.

39. On the Mexican Sparrow, *Xenospiza baileyi* (slides, 15 min.) 10:40

R. W. DICKERMAN, Cornell Medical College, New, York, N. Y., A. R. PHILLIPS, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, Mexico City, and D. W. WARNER, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.

40. Polymorphism in the Shield Color of the Peruvian Coot (slides, 15 min.) 11:00

FRANK B. GILL, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.

41. An Analysis of Differences in the Thoracic and Coracoid Arteries in Several Columbids and Hirundinids (slides, 10 min.) 11:20

MARION J. PHILLIPS, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan.

- ✓ 42. Observations on the Classification of Passerine Birds (slides, 20 min.) 11:35

CHARLES G. SIBLEY, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

12:00 Lunch, Hume Hall Cafeteria

SIXTH PAPERS SESSION, McCARTY AUDITORIUM

43. Potential Winter Survival and Flight Distances in Buntings (slides, 15 min.) 2:00

CARL W. HELMS, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa.

44. Fall Migration in Relation to Cold Front Passage in New Jersey (slides, 15 min.) 2:20

CHRISTINE PATTEE, Rutgers, The State University, New Brunswick, N. J.

45. Observations of Spring Migration in British Columbia (slides, 15 min.) 2:40

A. J. ERSKINE, Canadian Wildlife Service, Sackville, N. B.

SYMPOSIUM ON ANTARCTIC ORNITHOLOGY, 3:00

46. Foster Parentage in the South Polar Skua (slides, 20 min.) 3:05

ROBERT C. WOOD, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.

47. Chlordiazepoxide as an Aid to Handling Penguins (10 min.) 3:30
VAGN FLYGER, University of Maryland, Annapolis,
Md.
48. Molt in the Adelie Penguin (slides, 20 min.) 3:45
RICHARD LEE PENNEY, University of Wisconsin,
Madison, Wis.
49. Distance Navigation in the Adelie Penguin (slides, 15 min.) 4:10
JOHN T. EMLÉN, University of Wisconsin,
Madison, Wis.
50. Recording and Estimating Adelie and Chinstrap Penguin 4:30
Populations (slides, 20 min.)
W. J. L. SLADEN, Johns Hopkins University, Balti-
more, Md., and R. L. PENNEY, University of
Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.
- 7:00 Annual Banquet, Student Service Center. Dress informal.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

- 8:30 Buses leave Hume Hall for all day field trip to Cedar Keys.
Box Lunch at University of Florida Marine Laboratory on
Sea Horse Key. Return to campus about 5:00 p.m. Further
details at registration desk. Tickets should be purchased no
later than Wednesday noon, August 14.

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FLORIDA AND THE A. O. U. FOUNDERS

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Just a century ago a group of teen-age boys interested in natural history in general and birds in particular began to meet once each week in Cambridge, Massachusetts, to discuss their hobby. They met in the attic of the home of one of them, William Brewster by name, where they spent much of their time reading out loud from the works of Audubon and discussing his writings in relation to their own field experiences. These young men were the founders of the Nuttall Club, and most of them later became founders of the A. O. U.

In the 1860s boys interested in birds had few books to guide them-- Audubon, Wilson, and Nuttall were their mainstays, and it isn't difficult today to realize how much the former's graphic pen interested and stirred their imaginations. I like to think that the young men in Cambridge and all other like-minded youngsters of the time dreamed of some day seeing the fabulous Florida avifauna Audubon wrote about and of retracing his steps in the semitropical peninsula. I am sure it was no accident that young Daniel Girard Elliot went out of his way to see Florida before making his "grand tour", and I wouldn't be surprised if Major Bendire finally came here when he was retired in the hopes of living out before he died his dream of traveling the rivers Audubon traveled in Florida.

Now that the A. O. U. is at last holding a stated meeting in Florida, it is interesting how concerned with Florida birds the founding fathers actually were. Of the 23 ornithologists who gathered at that significant meeting in New York 80 years ago next month, 13, or more than half, had already come to Florida, or would within the next two decades, to see and to study its bird life.

Probably the first of the founders to visit Florida was Daniel Elliot (1835-1915) of New York. By far the most widely traveled of the founders, his biographers had such a wealth of travel to report (done in a period when travel was still difficult and time-consuming) that they neglected to mention his trip to Florida. However, in his monograph on the genus Pelecanus (PZSm k869: 590) he writes of the Brown Pelican: "On the southern coast of the United States they are very abundant; and I have witnessed them in winter on the sea-beach at Florida standing close together in long rows of many hundreds of individuals, and enjoying a siesta after fishing." These observations were apparently made during or before 1857, when both he and the State of Florida were both quite young, and before he went to South America, Europe, Africa, and the Far East.

The next founder to come here was Joseph Basset Holder, M.D. (1824-1888) of New York. In 1859, through the influence of Louis Agassiz and Spencer Fullerton Baird, Holder was appointed a surgeon in the U.S. Army and assigned

to duty at Fort Jefferson in the Dry Tortugas. During the decade he spent there, when not occupied by his medical duties, he made collections and observations on all sorts of natural history material. Much interested in bird flight, his papers on the soaring abilities of the Frigate Birds were based on his Tortugas observations, as was his paper on the habits of the Brown Pelican. From 1870 until his death he worked at the American Museum of Natural History in New York, and busied himself with mammals, fishes, reptiles, insects, and general invertebrates as well as birds. I find no record of a return to the medical profession or to Florida after he left Fort Jefferson.

Another early visitor was Robert Wilson Sufeldt, M.D., Major, Medical Corps, U.S. Army, (1850-1934) of Louisiana. While still in his early teens, his father, an admiral in the U.S. Navy, took him to sea in the USS Proteus. The ship was ordered to Key West in 1864, where she remained during the 10 months young Robert was aboard. Between his many naval duties and adventures he collected birds and, writing 60 years later in 1924, he said: "At another time when in the gig, with a high sea running, off the north end of Indian Key, I shot a brown pelican. The crew pulled for it and now, sixty years later, the skull of that bird is close at hand; moreover it has figured in one of my osteological memoirs." His army duties took him westward later, and apparently he never returned to the scenes of his youthful adventures.

Henry August Purdie (1840-1911) of Massachusetts also visited the Florida Keys during the War Between the States. Serving on the U.S. barque "James L. Davis" of the Gulf blockading squadron, he was able to collect eggs when the men went ashore to forage. Purdy was a botanist as well as an ornithologist, and devoted all his leisure hours to these pursuits. He earned his living in the offices of the Massachusetts State Board of Charities. William Brewster said of him "he was more gentle than most, never indulging in wanton or thoughtless cruelty to any living creature... he was averse to taking animal life." Therefore he never collected any birds, though he did collect eggs and nests. In his later years he spent two winters in Florida visiting a brother, but devoted most of his time to botany. Failure of both hearing and vision made bird observations difficult the last 20 years of his life.

Clinton Hart Merriam, M.D. (1855-1942), originally of New York, explored and collected birds and mammals in Florida in 1873, when in April he traveled the St. Johns and Oklawaha Rivers as far as Lake Harris. He published an account of this trip in the American Naturalist in 1874, but made no report that I know of of a later visit to Florida in March of 1893. By then he was head of the "Branch of Economic Ornithology" which he had established in 1885 in the Department of Agriculture, and which he lived to see develop into the Fish and Wildlife Service. He never returned to Florida, for after his retirement in 1910 he devoted his remaining years to fruitful work on the birds, mammals, and the Indians of California and other western states.

Joel Asaph Allen, Ph.D. (1838-1921), the "Father of the A. O. U." as Frank M. Chapman so aptly called him, spent the winter of 1868-69 in zoological explorations of the then sparsely settled country between Jacksonville and Enterprise. He collected for the M. C. Z. at Harvard a large number of specimens of birds and mammals of 183 species. With two volunteer assistants he traveled the St. Johns River in a jolly boat equipped with one large sail. The specimens he collected were in part the basis of his paper "The Mammals and Winter Birds of East Florida" in which he defines Florida's faunal zones, and for which Harvard awarded him the Humboldt prize. In 1885 he was appointed Curator of Birds and Mammals at the American Museum, a position he held for 32 years. In 1888 he described the Seaside Sparrow occupying the Florida coastal marshes west of Gainesville now known as Ammospiza maritima peninsulae, from specimens sent him by W. E. D. Scott of Tarpon Springs.

Unquestionably the most colorful and many-sided of the founders was Charles Barney Cory (1857-1921) of Massachusetts, who first worked and played in Florida the winter of 1877-78. His diary of this trip, "Southern Rambles," written in imitation of Mark Twain humor under the pen name of Owen Knox, appeared in 1881. In 1885 he returned to Florida and for the next 20 years spent all or part of every winter here. He traveled throughout the State in the days before roads or railroads existed in the places he explored. He sailed the inland waterways in a sloop and a houseboat, and alternated visits to the early luxury resorts with yachting along the coast and camping in the Everglades. He established a small museum at Palm Beach, "The Florida Museum of Natural History," for which he collected himself and hired collectors to gather representative specimens of the State's fauna. The museum burned down in 1903, and only a few of the valuable specimens were saved, some of which are in the Florida State Museum.

Every mention of Cory indicates that he was a dynamic personality, a complete extrovert and, like many other wealthy men of that period, a law unto himself. His activities made him as well known in Florida as Flagler. He was a fine ornithologist and an equally able mammalogist. A prolific writer with a bibliography of over 100 titles, popular books as well as technical works flowed from his pen, among them "Hunting and Fishing in Florida" and "A Key to the Water Birds of Florida." He was an expert target shot with rifle and pistol, an amateur billiard champion, a writer of lyrics for popular songs, a gifted baritone, and repeatedly won the golf championship of Florida year after year. He also dabbled in hypnotism and made a study of its therapeutic value. After his fortune was wiped out in speculations in securities, he left Florida in 1906 and took up the duties of Curator of Birds at the Field Museum in Chicago. He described the Florida puma, to which he gave the preoccupied name floridana, and which his friend Outram Bangs of the M. C. Z. renamed in his honor. It is somehow fitting that this spectacular and powerful Florida animal, Felis concolor coryi, should bear the name of a man who so powerfully and spectacularly adopted Florida.

William Brewster (1851-1919), beloved "Father of the Nuttall Club" published in the 1881 Bulletin of the Nuttall Ornithological Club a paper entitled "With the Birds on a Florida River" which describes his adventures on the St. Johns and Wekiva Rivers in March of 1877. The one or two settlers on the river in those days were at its source, and the river flowed through untouched wilderness of cypress swamps and flooded prairie. He tells of a pair of Ivory-billed Woodpeckers, a flock of clamoring Carolina Parakeets, 6 Swallow-tailed Kites flying together and some Everglades Kites, quantities of Limpkins in the bayous (heard more than seen), and Barred Owls making the night echo with their mating calls.

Brewster returned to Florida in March, 1890, to join Frank M. Chapman and Charles S. Allen on an expedition to study bird life during the spring migration on the Suwanee River. They traveled from Branford, the only place on the river that could be reached by railroad, the 120 miles to the Gulf in an improvised houseboat Chapman and an unsuccessful phosphate collector (neither of them carpenters) built on a 30-by 18-foot borrowed scow. The story of the trip written by Brewster and Chapman (Auk, Vol. 8) is well worth reading. An outstanding feature of the trip was the collecting of 46 Bachman's Warblers, 36 of them males, the first recorded from the Florida mainland, and where none have been taken since. Brewster made other trips to Florida, visiting Cory in Palm Beach, but no record has been kept of them. Undoubtedly Brewster's observations of bird life on the moonlight nights on Florida rivers contributed to his conclusions on the night migration of certain species of birds, which he was one of the first to study. The only bird he described from Florida was the Key West Vireo (now Vireo griseus maynardi) based on skins taken at Key West by Maynard and the Str. Albatross.

Charles Foster Batchelder (1856-1954) of Massachusetts, the last survivor among the founders, lived on after he had become a legend, and I believe he enjoyed being one. Throughout his life he traveled widely, and there is evidence that he was in Florida in 1879, and that he returned here some time after World War I. As he himself published very little, traces of his activities here are hard to find. During the years he held various offices, including that of president of the Union (1905-1908), but his outstanding contributions to ornithology were his encouragement of others and his editing of the Nuttall Club Memoirs.

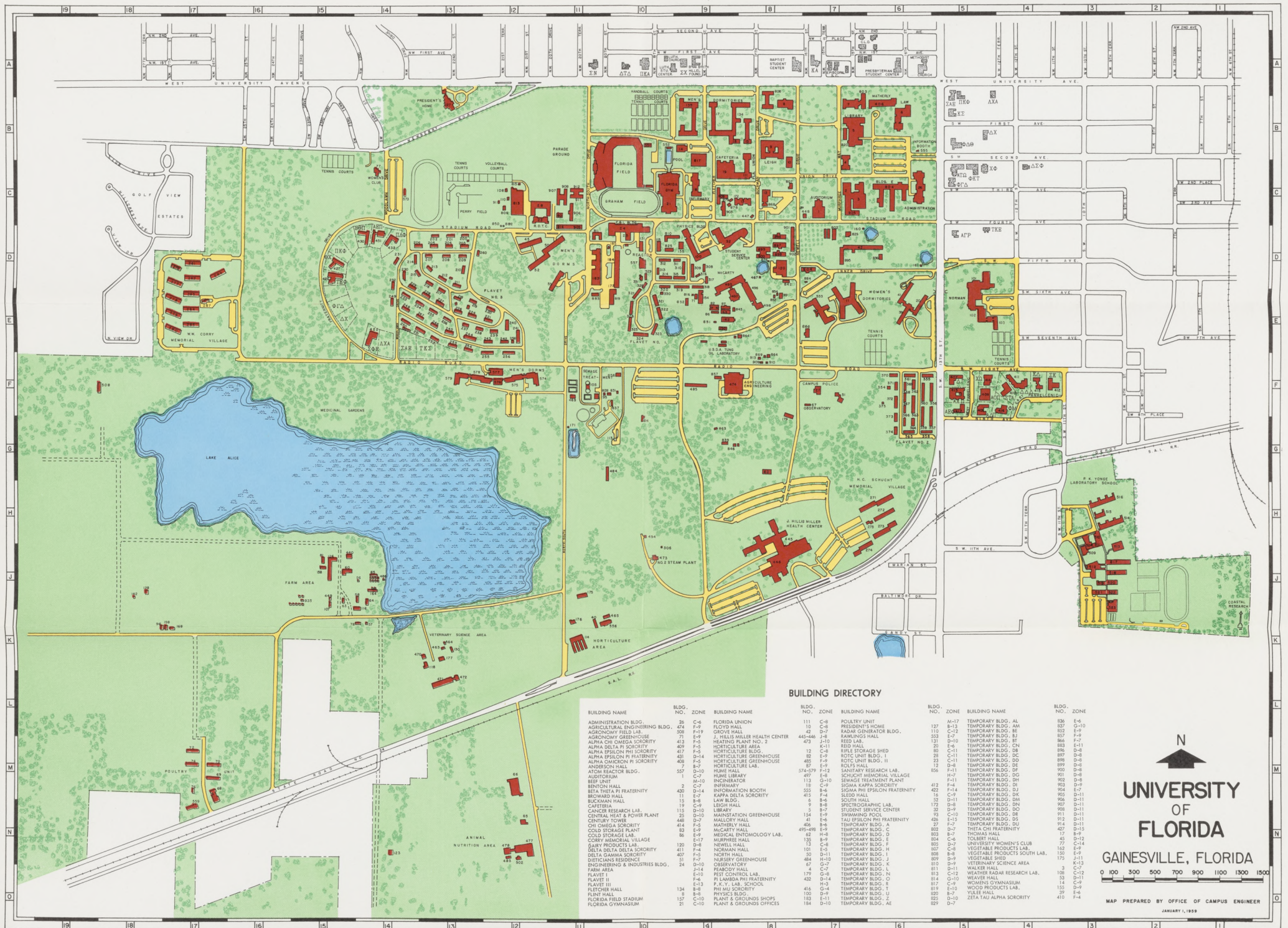
Robert Ridgway (1850-1929), of Washington D. C., curator of birds at the National Museum for 50 years and a member of the AOU Council from its founding until his death, was not only the pre-eminent ornithologist of his day, but also an accomplished botanist, artist, horticulturist, and a prolific writer of popular articles on conservation. He felt that his several trips to Florida were among the most notable and fruitful of his career. He first came here in 1895 and worked the Kissimmee Prairie south to Lake Arbuckle and Orange Hammock. The next winter and spring he went south to Lake Okeechobee and the northern edge of the Everglades, and in 1897 up the Caloosahatchie River to Lake Trafford and to Big Cypress. His account of finding the Ivory-billed Woodpecker was published in the Osprey in 1898;

an account of the 1895 trip written by his companion William Palmer, appeared in the same journal in 1901. Ridgway described more Florida birds than any other single author. Among the Florida birds that are recognized today by his names are the resident forms of the Great Blue Heron, Mottle Duck, Everglades Kite, Red-shouldered Hawk, Mangrove Cuckoo, Screech Owl, Burrowing Owl, Carolina Wren, Cardinal, and the Dusky Seaside Sparrow of Merritt Island.

Charles Emil Bendire, Brevet Major, U.S. Army (1836-1897) of Oregon started his career in ornithology, primarily oology in those early years, as a private in the First Dragoons, stationed in the outposts of New Mexico and Arizona before the War Between the States. Later he collected specimens in all fields of zoology at his many posts throughout the United States, now in the National Museum, but apparently never in Florida. He was retired from the Army for disability contracted in the line of duty in 1886. All the record shows is that he came to Florida early in January 1897, and that he died in Jacksonville on February 14.

Edgar Alexander Mearns, M.D., Lt. Col., U.S. Army (1856-1916), became a founding father of the AOU two years after he (and A.K. Fisher) graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York. In December of 1883 he was commissioned an assistant surgeon in the U.S. Medical Corps and sent to the west. He first came to Florida on army sick leave in 1900, and was later stationed at a camp in the Kissimmee Prairie region. Between March 17 and May 11, 1901, he collected there and at Blue Cypress Lake 236 birds for the National Museum, among them 5 Carolina Parakeets, a pair of White-tailed Kites, and the types of a new Grasshopper Sparrow (now Ammodramus savannarum floridanus) he discovered on Kissimmee Prairie and described.

Harry Balch Bailey (1858-1928) of New York was a founder of the Nuttall Club as well as of the AOU and had moved to New York in time to be a founder of the Linnaean Society in 1877. He also became a founder of the American Society of Mammalogists in Washington D.C. in 1919. Essentially an egg collector, his first contact with Florida was by correspondence with a Mr. E. W. Moutrenil, whose description of the nesting of the Everglades Kite Bailey published in the first volume of the Auk. In 1889 financial reverses forced him to move to Newport News and to sell his collection of eggs; and two years later to resign from the AOU. For the next eleven years he interested himself in other branches of natural history, but he returned to birds in 1900 when he started to explore and to collect in Florida. From that year until the time of his death 28 years later he spent a part of every winter observing and collecting in the southern part of the State. In 1926 he was elected a Corresponding Fellow of the AOU. He also served as Director of the Florida Society of Natural History, an organization no longer in existence and of which apparently no record remains.



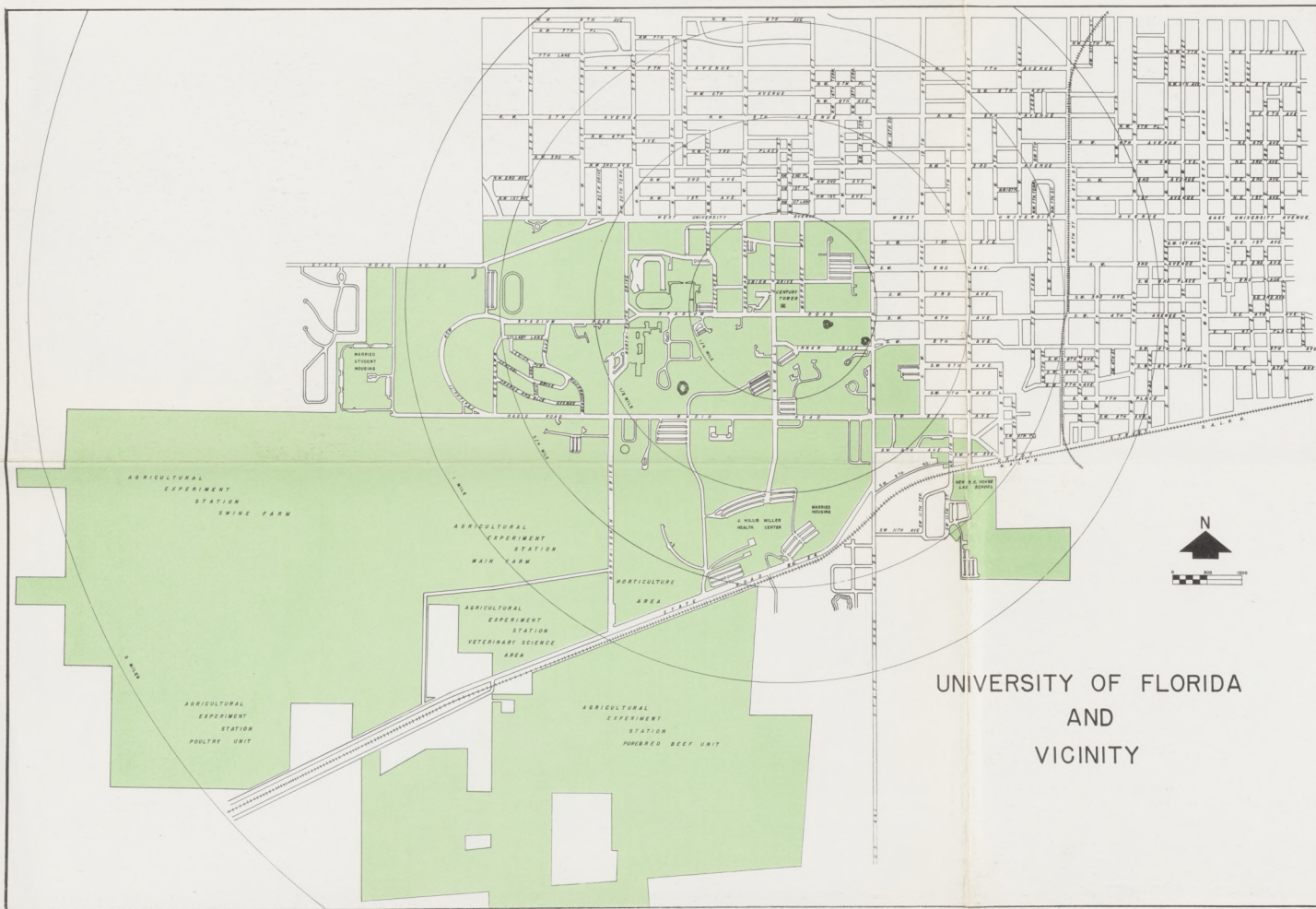
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Please consider this map of the University of Florida as your welcome and guide while you are on the campus of the largest institution of higher learning in the Southeast. It is hoped that this may give you at least brief information about the University and perhaps serve as a memento of your visit to the campus and the Land of Flowers.

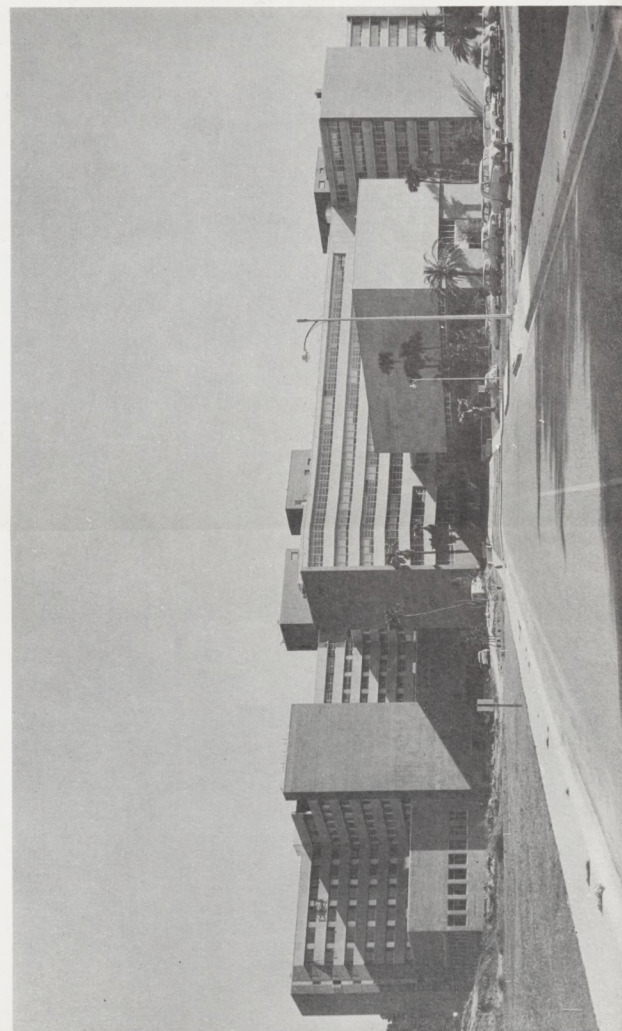
The dimensions of the University often amaze visitors and loyal friends and alumni alike. The main campus comprises 1,800 acres and the value of the physical plant is approximately \$65,000,000. Unless you are careful in observing the main campus, you will miss the modern poultry unit, the veterinary facilities, the beef cattle station and judging pavilion, the horticulture laboratories, and even the J. Hillis Miller Health Center, fraternity or sorority areas, Lake Alice, farms and laboratories. You would have to go northwest 10 miles to see the modern dairy unit, located on 1,200 acres of land; northeast to see the Welaka Forest of 2,600 acres; and south to see the Austin Cary Memorial Forest of 2,500 acres on the beautiful St. Johns River. You would have to go to twenty-one auxiliary campuses throughout the state to see the stations and laboratories of the Agricultural Experiment Station where research and experimentation are constantly being carried on. You would have to go to every county in the state to find our County Agents and Home Demonstration Agents. Adding all of our land holdings together, you will find that they total more than 15,000 acres of the best land in Florida.

You may wish to measure us in terms of our budget, in terms of our research budget from non-state sources, some items of which extend over a period of two or three years; in terms of our teaching and research staff of more than 1,000; in terms of our athletic program in which we won 67% of our contests in all sports in the year 1957-58; in terms of our student government and honor system, considered the best in the country; in terms of books and articles written and published by our faculty, which run into the thousands every year.

If you as a visitor have not already been tempted, we invite you to look at our Schools and Colleges: Agriculture, Architecture and Allied Arts, Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Education, Engineering, Health Related Services, Law, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Physical Education and Health, University College, Forestry, Journalism, Music, Inter-American Studies, Graduate School, Engineering Experiment Station, Agricultural Experiment Station and Extension Service. Too, visit our Museum, University Press, Florida Stadium, playing fields, libraries, horticultural units, Cancer Research Laboratory, Television Production Center, and our educational and recreational facilities.

Then, if you really want to get to know us, get acquainted with our business offices, our admissions office, student personnel department, our administrators, outstanding teachers and research workers. Better still, enter the University as a student or send your sons and daughters to us. You may then understand why we are sending our governors, United States Congressmen, Supreme Court Justices, state legislators, professional and business leaders, scientists and statesmen, and other leaders in social and political life.

The University of Florida welcomes you and trusts that your visit on the campus will be a profitable and a happy one.



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THE PUBLICATION AND DISTRIBUTION of an ornithological newsletter on an experimental basis was authorized by the A.O.U. Council at the Haverford meeting. The newsletter will be a product of the Committee on Public Responsibility and the Secretary of the A.O.U. Its purpose is to bring to the attention of members various items that, because of their nature or because of timeliness incompatible with quarterly publication, would not reach them in the pages of THE AUK, although some items will be duplicated. Both the format and the nature of the contents will be flexible, to meet the needs of the moment.

We want to convey the news that A.O.U. members want and need to have. We will be receptive to items of interest that you send us to share with the membership. We may unabashedly parasitize other sources to bring you information of probable interest. If the newsletter meets a need and serves its purpose, which only you can help the Council decide, we have grandiose ideas of reaching a larger readership on a regular basis.

A.O.U. NEWS

AT THE 94th STATED MEETING OF THE A.O.U., held at Haverford College, Haverford, Pa., the following officers were elected: Wesley E. Lanyon, President; Harrison B. Tordoff, President-elect; Brina Kessel, Vice-President; George E. Watson, Secretary; John A. Wiens, Treasurer. Oliver L. Austin, Jr., and J. W. Hardy were reelected Editors of THE AUK and Ornithological Monographs, respectively. John A. Wiens was named Editor-elect of THE AUK, and in later Council action Joel Cracraft was made Treasurer-elect. The Brewster Memorial Award was given to Gordon H. Orians, and the Coues Award was presented to Peter Marler. Awards for outstanding papers given by students were to Judith L. Hand and D. Caldwell Hahn. The 95th Stated Meeting will be in Berkeley, California, 22-26 August 1977. Details of these and other matters of importance will be in the Proceedings in the January, 1977, AUK.

A.O.U. PRESIDENT WESLEY E. LANYON is giving considerable attention to the appointment of a Committee on Endowment for the next two years. Comments, suggestions, and recommendations for committee membership are invited. The President is also seeking authors to prepare Memorials for THE AUK for deceased Fellows Harrison F. Lewis and Aretas A. Saunders. Please contact Dr. Lanyon at the American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79th St., New York, N.Y. 10024.

THE COMMITTEE ON THE SCIENTIFIC AND EDUCATIONAL USE OF WILD BIRDS would like to compile firm information on the number of birds taken by holders of scientific collecting permits. The committee wants to distinguish between birds deliberately removed from a wild population for scientific or educational use and those salvaged for such use after death from some other means; this information is not presently available. Holders of permits are urged to send annotated copies of their annual report of activities, which must be submitted to the Fish and Wildlife Service in early January, to the chairman, John W. Aldrich, 6324 Lakeview Dr., Falls Church, Va. 22041.

ORNITHOLOGICAL MONOGRAPH no. 21, "Social Organization and Behavior of the Acorn Woodpecker in Central Coastal California", by M. H. MacRoberts and B. R. MacRoberts, was published on 11 August 1976. The price is \$6.00 to A.O.U. members, \$7.50 to others. Order from the Assistant to the A.O.U. Treasurer, Dept. of Biology, University of South Florida, Tampa, Fla. 33620. Make checks payable to "AOU." Publication of another Monograph is expected by the end of the year.

THE ALEXANDER WETMORE RESEARCH FUND of the A.O.U. stands at \$5190, courtesy of 162 donors. Both the size of the Fund and the number of donors should be much higher. Additional contributions may be sent to the Treasurer, John A. Wiens, Dept. of Zoology, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon 97331.

THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITY was established in late 1975 in response to the expressed feeling of many members that the A.O.U. should have a means of providing some technical input to environmental and other matters. Keeping in mind that the A.O.U. is a scientific society rather than a conservation organization *per se*, the committee essentially serves as a broker between agencies and organizations that need ornithological information or opinion and those individual scientists who can provide it. The charge to the committee appeared in THE AUK 93: 157, 1976. The committee's initial task was to make its existence known. Beyond that, it has solicited comments on a variety of regulatory matters, environmental statements, proposed listings of endangered species, etc. At the Haverford meeting it sponsored an informal discussion on problems related to blackbirds and blackbird control. The committee can respond only when it becomes aware of an issue, and invites A.O.U. members and others to draw its attention to matters in which scientific ornithology should have a voice. Write to the Chairman, Richard C. Banks, 3201 Circle Hill Rd., Alexandria, Va. 22305, or to any member of the Committee to be listed in the January AUK.

A.O.U. MONOGRAPH POLICY. The Council approved the publication of two or more shorter papers in one binding, if generally related subject matters can be involved. Papers greatly exceeding the 12-page AUK maximum free length and printing at approximately 25 to 50 pages will be considered. An author of a work might wish to arrange with another author or authors for joint submission of related papers rather than rely on the chance that a paper sufficiently related will be submitted independently. The Editor of the Ornithological Monographs will no longer accept for examination as to publishability any manuscript that has not been prepared with strict adherence to the style and format of this series. Please write first for "Suggestions for Authors" and examine recently published monographs in preparation of a manuscript.

THE WORKSHOP ON THE NATIONAL PLAN FOR ORNITHOLOGY, sponsored by the A.O.U. and supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation, convened its first plenary session on 13 August 1976. Members of the six panels (see AUK 93: 413, 1976) conferred to coordinate the objectives of the Workshop and to draft a questionnaire that will be circulated as widely as possible among North American avian biologists, both amateur and professional, with the intention of generating a profile of their characteristics and identifying their problems in the practice of avian biology. It is expected that the questionnaire will be mailed by 1 Nov., and will be followed by a second, more explicit, questionnaire for individuals identifying particular kinds of problem areas. Recipients can greatly assist the Workshop by responding promptly and carefully.

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP AWARDS are made available in limited number each year by the A.O.U. Students at any stage of academic training who are not and have not been A.O.U. members are eligible. Application forms will be mailed in November to ornithologists who normally have contact with students. Forms are also available from the committee co-chairmen, Sidney A. Gauthreaux, Dept. of Biology, Clemson University, Clemson, S.C. 29631 and Lewis W. Oring, Dept. of Biology, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, N.D. 58201. The deadline for receipt of applications is 10 December 1976.

OTHER NEWS

THE DEPARTMENT OF ORNITHOLOGY of the American Museum of Natural History has scheduled a symposium in honor of Dean Amadon on the occasion of his retirement as Lamont Curator of Birds, Wednesday, 1 Dec. 1976, in the Education Hall of the Museum. Participants and topics include: Ernst Mayr, Chairman; Jared Diamond, "Zoogeography of Island Avifaunas"; Thomas J. Cade, "Prospects for the Successful Establishment of Captive-Produced Raptors in Nature--the Peregrine"; and Robert K. Selander, "Sexual Selection in Birds."

THE FEDERAL WILDLIFE PERMIT OFFICE has been established by the Fish and Wildlife Service to implement U.S. compliance with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora. Richard M. Parsons is Chief of the WPO; Donald G. Donahoo is Chief of the Branch of Permits. The WPO will serve as the Management Authority called for by the Convention, and will issue all import and export permits required by it. The office will also assume responsibility for issuance of the several types of permits presently issued by the Washington office of the Division of Law Enforcement. Later the WPO hopes to serve as a clearinghouse for applications and wildlife permits involving other federal agencies as well, and to issue most permits now given by FWS field offices. The WPO hopes to be fully functional by mid-November 1976.

J. W. HARDY IS PREPARING a tape recording to be used in publication of a phono-disc of the voices of all species of wrens that can be obtained. Lacking so far are the following: Campylorhynchus jocosus, gularis and yucatanicus; Odontorchilus cinereus and branicikii; Hylorchilus sumichrasti; Cinnycerthia unirufa; Cistothorus meridae and apolinari; Thryomanes sissonii; Ferminia cervicalis; Thryothorus euophrys, thoracicus, guarayanus, and griseus; Troglodytes rufulus; and Cyphorhinus thoracicus. Colleagues who have vocal specimens of any of these, know others who do, or know locations where they might easily be recorded are urged to write to Dr. Hardy, Florida State Museum, University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla. 32611.

THE WORLD PHEASANT ASSOCIATION was formed to coordinate and support international conservation of all species in the order Galliformes. Dr. Jean Delacour is President of the Association, which has offices at Daws Hall, Lamarsh, Bures, Suffolk, CO8 5EX, England. This summer, a WPA financed expedition from the University of Malaya in Kuala Lumpur observed two adult male Malayan Crested Argus Pheasants (Rheinartia ocellata nigrescens), believed to be the first ever seen living free in the wild by scientists. The Association also announced the successful artificial insemination of Brown Eared Pheasants in England. Full results of these projects will be published in the WPA journal.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE THIRD J. Paul Getty Wildlife Conservation Award are now being accepted by the World Wildlife Fund-U.S. Appeal, administrator of the \$50,000 prize. The award will be made in April 1977 to the individual or organization chosen by the international jury for outstanding achievement or service for the benefit of mankind in the conservation of wildlife, plant or animal. In recognition of the breadth of the conservation field, candidates will be considered for a diversity of accomplishments, including the conservation of rare or endangered species and habitats, the increase of public awareness of the importance of wildlife and nature by scientific, educational or aesthetic contributions, or in the establishment of legislation or of an organization of unusual importance to wildlife conservation. In all cases the achievement must be pioneering and substantial so that the recognition accorded by the award of the Getty Prize will increase public appreciation of the significance of wildlife and its conservation. Nominations for the Getty Award should be accompanied by a full and complete description of the candidate's achievements. Nomination forms are available from World Wildlife Fund-U.S., 1319 18th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20036, where all nominations should be submitted by 15 December 1976.

THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE has announced new plans for regulating the importation of injurious fish and wildlife species into the United States. Present regulations require a permit for the importation of those few species listed as injurious under the authority of the amended Lacey Act of 1900. Over the past several years the FWS has proposed to establish a list of low-risk species that could be imported freely, with the permit requirement applying to all species not listed. Because of manpower and budgetary restraints, that proposed rulemaking will not be published in final form. Instead, the FWS will propose to add some species to the present restricted list without changing the concept of the present regulations. The Service will seek the enactment of new legislation to strengthen the Lacey Act by giving it the authority and flexibility needed to deal effectively and fairly with exotic wildlife importation problems.

THE BIRD BANDING LABORATORY of the Fish and Wildlife Service serves as a clearinghouse for reports of color-marked birds. All observations of such birds should be sent to the Bird Banding Laboratory, Office of Migratory Bird Management, Laurel, Md. 20811. The Laboratory will notify the bander, match the information with the standard FWS band, and send the reporter information on when and where the banding took place.

COLOR-CODED VINYL WING MARKERS were placed on Golden Eagles, Prairie Falcons, Red-tailed Hawks, and Ravens in the Snake River Birds of Prey Natural Areas to study movements and migration. Observers who see marked birds should note species, wing(s) marked, color, and date and location of sighting. In accord with the previous paragraph, please send information to the Bird Banding Laboratory. You may wish to send a copy to Michael N. Kochert, Chief Raptor Biologist, Boise District, BLM, 230 Collins Rd., Boise, Idaho 83702.

THE ALLAN D. CRUICKSHANK WILDLIFE SANCTUARY was dedicated by the National Audubon Society on 9 July 1976. NAS President Elvis J. Stahr, Roger T. Peterson, Carl W. Buchheister, and Helen Gere Cruickshank took part in the ceremony on Eastern Egg Rock at the mouth of Muscongus Bay, Maine. Cruickshank taught at the Audubon Camp on Hog Island in Muscongus Bay for 21 years, and visited Egg Rock, home of many sea birds, frequently. NAS has leased the island from the State of Maine for an indefinite period for sanctuary purposes. The island is currently the site of an attempt to reestablish the Atlantic Puffin in the bay.

PRIOR TO ADOPTION of the latest AAAS Bylaws, Fellows of the A.O.U., which is an affiliate of the AAAS, were automatically eligible for AAAS fellowship. Under the new Bylaws, there are new nomination and election procedures for AAAS Fellows. Address requests for nomination forms to the Executive Officer, AAAS, 1776 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20036. This does not affect those who are already Fellows of AAAS.

CONSERVATION GRANTS AMOUNTING TO \$91,980 were approved by the World Wildlife Fund-U.S. Appeal in August. Included is a grant of \$10,000 to the International Bird Rescue Research Center, Berkeley, Calif., an organization that carries out research missions for treating bird victims of oil spills. IBRRC was conceived during efforts to save oil-soaked birds following the San Francisco Bay oil spill in January 1971. The grant to IBRRC will take the form of proceeds from ticket sales to the Paul Winter concert hosted by the WWF during its Fourth International Congress (see below).

STEEL SHOT WILL BE REQUIRED for waterfowl (ducks, geese, and coots) hunting in portions of nine states along the Atlantic coast this autumn. Lead shot may be used in shotguns smaller than 12 gauge this year only because of the unavailability of steel shot for smaller guns. The steel shot requirement is an effort to reduce the incidence of lead poisoning in waterfowl, and next year will be extended to other areas of the Atlantic and Mississippi Flyways. Readers are referred to a note on this matter in THE AUK:93: 866, 1976. 1976-77 waterfowl hunting regulations have established 1 Oct. 1976 and 23 Jan. 1977 as the earliest and latest season dates; actual dates in different states and flyways may vary within this framework. This year's regulations contain special restrictions for the protection of endangered species.

G. K. HALL AND CO. has announced the publication in book form of the Research Catalog of the Library of the American Museum of Natural History: Authors. The Catalog represents one of the world's great natural history libraries. Approximately 200,000 cards cover material on a variety of natural history subjects, including ornithology, cataloged through the mid-1960's. The 13-volume Author Catalog will be available for \$875 in the U.S. until 31 January 1977, after which the price will be \$1095. The Catalog will be available for shipment from G. K. Hall, 70 Lincoln St., Boston, Mass. 02111, in April 1977. Prices higher elsewhere.

MEETINGS

"THE FRAGILE EARTH: TOWARD STRATEGIES FOR SURVIVAL" is the topic of the World Wildlife Fund's Fourth International Congress, to be held at the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco, 28 Nov.-1 Dec. 1976. Six seminars will be included: Population, moderated by Russell Peterson; Economics, Barbara Ward; Natural Resource Management, Raymond Dasmann; Conservation Technology, Ruth Patrick; Energy, Maurice Strong; and Wildlife and Wilderness, Lee M. Talbot. Other events include a Fund-sponsored Paul Winter Concert at the Masonic Auditorium and a wildlife film festival. The Congress will conclude with a Marine press conference; marine ecology will be the Fund's emphasis for the next year. Registration for the Congress is \$100; reduced hotel rates and air fares are available to registrants. Further information can be obtained from the World Wildlife Fund-U.S. Appeal, 1319 18th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

CLASSIFICATION, INVENTORY, AND ANALYSIS of Fish and Wildlife Habitat will be the topic of a national symposium to be held 24-27 January 1977 at the Adams Hotel in Phoenix, Arizona. The symposium is sponsored by a group of federal and private wildlife oriented agencies and organizations. It will address the need to produce a systematic, ecologically-based classification scheme for fish and wildlife habitat and for the methodology to inventory and assess that habitat. Sessions of invited papers will cover User Needs, Classification Systems, Ecological Relationships, Inventory Procedures, and Geo-base Management Information Systems. Unsolicited contributions will be considered. Information on registration, the outline of the symposium and hotel accommodations may be obtained from Mrs. Susan Sasfy, the MITRE Corporation, Westgate Research Park, McLean, Va. 22101, tel. (703) 790-6450.

NEWS OF PEOPLE

GREGORY D. BENTZ, University of Pittsburgh, is spending a post-doctoral year at the National Museum of Natural History, where he is working with Richard L. Zusi on various problems in hummingbird anatomy.

GEORGE A. CLARK is at the National Museum for a sabbatical year from the University of Connecticut.

JARED VERNER has been appointed Chief Wildlife Biologist for the Forest Service's Pacific Southwest Forest and Range Experiment Station, Berkeley, Calif., assigned to the research unit at Fresno.

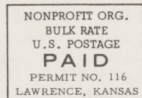
RALPH W. SCHREIBER has been appointed Curator of Birds at the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History.

DOUGLAS MOCK, University of Minnesota, has a post-doctoral fellowship at the National Zoological Park, Washington, D.C., where he is studying behavioral adaptations for nocturnal feeding in night herons.

GOOD IDEA OF THE MONTH

TOWARD THE END OF THE YEAR many financial institutions will be advertising Christmas Savings Plans in one form or another. Why not open one earmarked for the A.O.U.? With easy weekly payments, by next Thanksgiving you will have a nice contribution for the A.O.U. endowment fund of your choice (and a tax deduction), or perhaps an installment toward a life membership.

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